

Wilmington May 18<sup>th</sup> 1887

Dear Watson Esq

Dear Sir,

I must confess that I was a good deal "taken aback" by the contents of your note of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. After the disappointment in relation to the Parry & Palmer Collection, the present one was supposed to be so arranged that there could be no disappointment or trouble. I have seen Mr. Redfield who is willing to do anything reasonable to accommodate New. Mr. Meentemeyer I have not seen. If New is to be "put up head" I cannot see why the whole series should not have been put down one point instead of transferring one from top to bottom. I don't feel that I ought to ask Mr.

Redfield to make such a sacrifice as  
his set is mainly for the Phil Acad.,  
not Mr. Macmillan who is a young-  
er and more useful man than I  
am. Nor do I wish to be placed  
in the position of disobliging New  
and Cambridge or of taking set No.  
10. I therefore wish you to consider  
me as out of the list altogether.  
This will enable you to gratify Mr.  
Kensley by sending a full set to  
New. Please consider this as final  
and thus do me a real kindness  
by aiding me to forget the whole  
affair. It is my last transaction  
in this line. If Dr. Palmer is willing,  
I would be pleased to have him  
return me the \$50.± advanced in  
rep of the set.

Yours, truly  
Wm. Macmillan